

ENCAMPMENT OF STATE VETERANS

Annual Meetings of the G. A. R. and Allied Organizations Held Thursday.

A. A. NILES NEW COMMANDER

Membership of 2,271 Is Less Than Half What It Was 20 Years Ago—Posts Now Number Eighty-Nine.

Comrade Albert A. Niles of Morrisville was Thursday elected commander of the Vermont Grand Army of the Republic, without a contest. The name of Governor John A. Mearns had followed of considerable size, but all opposition to the choice of Commander Niles had practically vanished late Wednesday evening, and his election Thursday was unanimous. Together with such others of the new officers as were present, he presided in office by General W. W. Henry of this city, at the close of the afternoon session.

"I am pleased," said Commander Niles, "over the fact that the business of the day passed off so harmoniously. The friends who were supporting me came to Burlington expecting to meet with some opposition, but that disappeared. It is well so, for this outcome gives promise of united support for our candidate who shall be in the field a year hence."

Commander Niles has a record of nearly three years of service in the Civil War. He enlisted June 1, 1862, in Company H, Ninth Vermont regiment, and was mustered into service July 6 following. He was made a corporal Jan. 27, 1863, and a sergeant February 1, 1864, being mustered out June 2, 1865.

NILES IS A WORKER. "He is quiet, modest and unassuming," said the retiring commander, Dr. C. M. Ferrin of Essex Junction. "But he is a worker." Dr. Ferrin was elected medical director of the department, and other officers were chosen as follows: Senior vice-commander, John J. Jarvis of St. Albans; junior vice-commander, Walter W. Fisk of Ludlow; department chaplain, L. T. Barber of Rutland.

The council of administration is as follows: E. C. Hagar of Haystack, George L. McBride of Burlington, E. H. Webster of Rutland, A. B. Franklin of Farnham, and C. E. Beach of Burlington. Representatives to the national encampment are W. H. H. Slack of Springfield, E. F. Bowman of South Royalton, C. F. Hogan of St. Albans, R. W. Allen of Burlington, D. W. Davis of Chester and W. H. Flint of Brandon. The representatives will choose their own alternates.

At the sessions Thursday there was an attendance of 29 delegates, with about 30 other members of the Grand Army. Rutland was selected as the place of the next annual encampment of the department.

COMMANDER FERRIN'S REPORT. Retiring Commander Ferrin, in his report, said in part:

"To do the best work for the organization the commander should have more time at his disposal than your present commander has had. I have visited several posts and some county associations and have answered every call that has come to me except when it would conflict with other duties. To represent the department I have sent members of the staff to places where I could not go. I visited by invitation the Massachusetts State encampment held in Boston April 2 and 3 and was most cordially received. At a banquet at the American House where over 600 veterans and invited guests were present Governor Foss, Mayor Fitzgerald, Commander-in-Chief Trimble and others responded to toasts. They reported 12,000 members, 29 posts, loss by death \$2, expenses and charities \$15,000.

LET INTEREST KEEP UP. "The high water mark in the membership of this department was reached in 1890, when there were 5,400 members and 108 posts. Our numbers have been decreasing year by year until at present we have only 2,271, and 89 posts. This decline is inevitable and cannot be otherwise. We have lost no post during the year, although there are several small ones which in the near future will be compelled to surrender their charters on account of the small number of members."

I wish to recommend to the comrades of such posts to keep together as long as possible, but if you must disband, take a transfer to some other post. Do not lose your interest in the connection with our noble order. There is a large number of veterans who do not belong to the G. A. R. and these comrades should be told the advantages of joining our ranks. If the expense is a financial one promise to remit their dues. If for other reasons they do not care to belong to our organization do not urge them."

The commander praised highly the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans. He also spoke of the good work being done at the Soldiers' Home at Bennington.

Dr. Ferrin went on record as being much gratified at the message by Congress of the dollar-a-day pension law.

In conclusion he thanked Assistant Adjutant Williams, Chief of Staff C. E. Beach, Judge Advocate C. P. Hogan, Gen. J. H. Lucia and others for their loyal support.

DEPARTMENT HAS 2,271 MEMBERS. Assistant Adjutant-General C. D. Williams of this city reported that there are now 89 posts in good standing with a total membership of 2,271. The net loss for the year is 85. The loss by death was 42, by honorable discharge, 2; by transfer, 19; by reinstatement, 6; by error of list report, H. H. Vaughn Post No. 79, of Danbury has surrendered its charter.

Among those present at the encampment was Harry M. Sherman of Duxbury, who is totally blind. Born at Richmond, he enlisted in Stowe, then went to Burlington, and finally to Fort Hamilton, in New York harbor. From 1861 to 1864 he served in the 12th United States Infantry, and except when in the service his entire life has been spent in this State.

There was some little discussion over the disposition which should be made of the encampment and records of posts obliged

to surrender their charters on account of lack of numbers, but this was finally settled by reference to the regulations of the department, where provision was found for this contingency.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Diamonds for Mrs. Nina Stoughton, the Retiring President.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Vermont, G. A. R., was held in the parish house of the First Church, the sessions occupying the entire day. The reports of the president, secretary and treasurer were read and the presentations of these reports, including a review of the year, occupied considerable time. During the sessions, visitors from the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and from the Grand Army of the Department of Connecticut were received and welcomed at the meeting.

A feature of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Nina Stoughton of South Royalton, retiring president, of a ring set with diamonds and emeralds, the gift of her 25 aides during the year. Mrs. Stoughton was also presented with a solitary diamond by the department and the retiring president also received a gavel and a prayer book. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Ida Goodenough of Brattleboro.
Senior vice-president—Hattie E. Shipman of Hardwick.
Junior vice-president—Mrs. Etta K. Munn of Burlington.
Treasurer—Emily Allen of Brattleboro.
Chaplain—Mrs. Mary Beckwith of Ludlow.

Delegates-at-large to national convention—Mrs. May Harahan of Rutland.

LADIES OF G. A. R.

Circles Throughout State Reported to Be in Flourishing Condition.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. met in fifth annual department convention Thursday in the Knights of Pythias hall on Church street. The session opened in due form with the department officers in the chairs as follows: Department president, Mrs. Abbie Willey of Barre; senior vice-president, Mrs. Augusta Allen of Middlebury; junior vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Mulhern of Burlington; chaplain, Miss Florence Eddy of Middlebury; treasurer, pro tem, Mrs. Roberts of Northfield; secretary, Mrs. Ella Kimball of Barre. The address of welcome was delivered by circle president, Mrs. Marion Flint, with response by Mrs. Ellen Kimball. This was followed by a helpful and encouraging address by the department president. All reports showed the circles to be in a flourishing condition. Greetings were read from the national officers and a very inspiring letter of greeting read from Comrade and Past Commander Youtt of William P. Russell Post, No. 89, of Middlebury. The election of department officers followed. They are:

Department president—Mrs. Lucy Getty of Northfield.
Senior vice-president—Mrs. Sarah Mulhern of Burlington.
Junior vice-president—Mrs. Elizabeth Crannell of Middlebury.
Chaplain—Mrs. Ida Prentiss of Burlington.

Secretary—Mrs. Emma Roberts of Northfield.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ethel Kerr of Northfield.

Council of administration—Mrs. Grace Ducharme of Barre, chairman; Mrs. Flora Morse of Middlebury; Mrs. Adeline Clough of Burlington.

Delegates to national convention at Los Angeles, Cal.—Miss Emma Furnace of Burlington; Mrs. La Page of Barre; Mrs. Jane Turner of Middlebury; Mrs. Luna Morrison of Middlebury; Mrs. Adeline Clough of Burlington; Mrs. Ethel Kerr of Northfield; alternates, Miss Sadie Rowland of Burlington; Mrs. Plastridge of Northfield; Mrs. Lillian E. Zottman of Burlington; Miss Florence Eddy of Middlebury; Mrs. Hubbell of Northfield; Mrs. Lillian Foles of Burlington.

Committee on resolutions—Mrs. Carrie Nash of Middlebury, chairman; Mrs. Marion Flint.
The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with Retiring Department President Mrs. Abbie Willey of Barre in charge. Exemplification of the work by James A. Garfield Circle followed. The opening, when one member, six honorary members, three comrades and three sons were added. Greetings were received from Standard Post, Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Auxiliary of Sons of Veterans. The installation of department officers by Past Department President Mrs. Ida Prentiss, brought to a close a very enthusiastic convention.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Silver Cross Presented by New to Old Commander.

The Vermont division, Sons of Veterans, held their meeting Thursday morning and afternoon in the Woodmen's hall on College street. The installation of officers followed the election and the meeting was not over until after 6:30 in the evening. A part of the time was spent in several discussions over minor points, but there was only one contest in the election.

The following officers were elected and installed: Division commander, H. S. Howard of Burlington; senior vice-commander, Roy J. Brown of Brandon; junior vice-commander, G. T. Brigham of Barre; division council, A. J. Griffith of Bennington, Hugh Henry of Chester, and E. E. Eaton of Manchester Depot; delegates-at-large, E. W. Carr of Calais; delegates, A. O. Palmer of Burlington and E. D. Stevens of Lyndonville. Past Senior Vice-Commander F. W. Spear was the installing officer. Before adjournment Commander H. S. Howard presented the silver cross of the order to Commander Griffith on behalf of the division in token of his services during the past year.

AUXILIARY TO S. OF V.

Flowers Presented and Greetings Extended during the Meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans held their annual business meeting at the Stannard Memorial hall Thursday, commencing at 1:30 and lasting all the afternoon. Excellent reports were given by all the presidents of auxiliaries of Vermont who were present. The president and secretary of the national organization were also present. The greeting committee presented the commander of the Sons of Veterans with a bouquet of flowers. They were also presented to the department president and the national president and secretary. Greetings were extended from the Sons of Veterans, the Grand Army, the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Joseph C. Ferrin of Brandon; vice-president, Mrs. Nellie Stone of Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Brown of Brandon;

council, Mrs. Kidder, Mrs. Bloxom, Mrs. Shoro; chaplain, Mrs. Clyde Brewster of Huntington; division inspector, Carolyn Trow; I. and O. officer, Mrs. Georgia Gilbert of Georgia; patriotic instructor, Miss Catherine Lincoln of Manchester; delegate to the national encampment, Mrs. Carolyn Trow of Hardwick; alternate, Mrs. Mollie Durgie of Brandon.

THE CAMPFIRE.

Presentation of Flag to First Church Sunday School a Feature.

The annual G. A. R. campfire was held in the First Church Thursday night. The building was filled with the veterans and their families and friends. Special portions of the room were set apart for the various regiments. The ushers were drawn from the companies of the Vermont National Guard and wore dress uniforms. The rostrum and desk at the front of the church were draped in American flags.

The many speeches of the evening were informal and well received. They consisted in good part of reminiscences and stories, and ranged from the kind that make moist eyes to the mirth-provoking. One speaker recalled the old soldiers on being boys and anything but old, and another warned them of the approach of an enemy who would thin their ranks in spite of their bravery and made them look around for those who should carry on their ideals on the whole it was an evening of talks between comrades and comrades. Retiring Department Commander Ferrin paid a heart-felt tribute to Burlington, the seat of so many of their gatherings, and General Henry told how Captain Hooker tried to ride across Bull Run Creek on a shadow which he took for a log.

The mixed quartette provided by the Sons of Veterans added to the spirit of the evening, and great enthusiasm was aroused by Mrs. Jackson's singing of the ballad of Barbara Frithie.

The program in full follows:

Chairman, Commander George P. Martin.

Organ voluntary, H. H. Corey.

Prayer by the chaplain, the Rev. J. E. Goodrich.

Singing by the Sons of Veterans' mixed quartette.

Address of welcome by Mayor Robert Roberts.

Response by Commander C. M. Ferrin.

Response by H. S. Howard for Sons of Veterans.

Response by Mrs. Willey for G. A. R. Circle.

Response by Mrs. Stoughton for W. R. C.

Singing by Mrs. J. F. Jackson of Morrisville.

Remarks by Granville C. Fiske of Massachusetts.

Presentation of flag to Sunday school by Mrs. Mary B. Goodwin, patriotic instructor.

Response by the Rev. E. G. Guthrie.

Song by Mrs. Cokkin of Rutland.

Remarks by Gen. W. W. Henry.

Remarks by Dr. J. T. Harahan.

Remarks by W. H. Douglass of Connecticut.

Singing by mixed quartette.

Remarks by Henry J. Seely of Connecticut.

Remarks by Department Commander A. A. Niles.

Singing, one verse of America.

CALLS SPECIAL ELECTION.

July 30 Date on Which to Fill Congressional Vacancy.

Rutland, June 9.—Governor Mearns has issued a proclamation calling for a special election to be held July 30 to choose a successor to the late Hon. D. J. Foster as representative to Congress from the first district.

BLACKMER WINS AUTO CASE. Middlebury, June 9.—After coming in twice with no decision, the jury in the case of Arthur J. Blackmer vs. William Tisdale and Charles E. McCabe finally announced a verdict at 4:20 yesterday afternoon for the plaintiff to recover \$3,000 damages from each of the defendants and his costs. The case arose out of an automobile trip in which the plaintiff's chauffeur, William J. F. Smith, was the driving pilot. The machine broke down and Mr. Blackmer sued for damages.

The evidence conflicted concerning the liability of the defendants.

CLARE HARTIGAN PROMOTED. Rutland, June 9.—Clare Hartigan, for two years general passenger agent of the Rutland railroad with offices in this city, has been advanced to the position of assistant general passenger agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, another branch of the New York Central line. Mr. Hartigan's successor will be named the first of the week.

AUTO THROWN IN DITCH.

Israel Cohen Has Narrow Escape in Collision near Montpelier.

Montpelier, June 9.—While coming to this city from Waterbury this afternoon, Israel Cohen's auto was struck by a heavy car driven by a man from Higganville and ditched, both front wheels being torn off and the car otherwise damaged. Mr. Cohen and the occupants of his car escaped with minor bruises. The other machine was a large touring car and tossed the light auto aside, sustaining little damage. The Cohen car was brought to this city.

MAYOR CLEMENT RESIGNS.

Rejection of Attempts to Improve Rutland's Water Supply the Cause.

Rutland, June 9.—Mayor Percival W. Clement today forwarded a letter of resignation to City Clerk H. B. Whittier. He was elected in 1911. His attempt to improve the city's water supply have twice been voted down and he gives this as a reason for his last official act.

Mayor Clement says: "The water situation imperatively calls for a remedy. I have tried to the best of my ability to point one out. My plans have been unaccepted and my efforts unavailing. I trust something may be done to safeguard the health of the citizens. Under the circumstances, however, I feel that I can be of no further service in this direction, consequently I hereby resign the office of mayor of the city of Rutland."

OLD ALUMNUS OF MIDDLEBURY.

Boston, June 7.—The death at Hanover, N. H., Wednesday of the Rev. Wilson A. Farnsworth, D. D., in his 90th year, recalled to the American board its oldest missionary. Born in Green, Chennango county, N. Y., August 29, 1822, Dr. Farnsworth was graduated from Middlebury College in 1848 and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1852. He was ordained at Thetford, Vt., in 1852 and arrived at Smyrna, to begin his missionary career in Turkey, in 1853. Practically all his missionary service was done in the island of Crete. He married October 21, 1852, Miss Caroline Elizabeth Palmer, who with two daughters and one son survives him.

ORDER U. S. SHIPS TO GO TO HAVANA

Anti-Negro Demonstrations of Large Proportions Occur in Cuban Capital.

OSTERHAUS SAILS AT ONCE

Action Taken at Request of American Minister Who Reports Apprehension of All Foreigners.

Washington, June 9.—The navy department, acting under instructions from the state department, tonight ordered Admiral Osterhaus to proceed forthwith from Key West to Havana, with one dispatch ship and one other ship. These orders were issued by the state department after the receipt of a dispatch from Minister Beaupre, reporting that conditions in Havana and suburbs of the city had assumed the character of a race war.

It is probable that Admiral Osterhaus besides the dispatch ship will take his flagship, the Washington, into Cuban waters.

Minister Beaupre's message said that conditions in and around Havana had been menacing since Friday night and that last night there were anti-negro demonstrations of large proportions by irresponsible elements and that there were presidential quarters in Havana and vicinity.

He reported that the negroes were being incited to violence and that retaliation might have disastrous consequences. Americans and other foreigners and many Cubans, he said, were very apprehensive and desired the sending of an American war vessel.

GOMEZ DECLINES TO COMMENT. Havana, June 9.—President Gomez on being informed tonight that American warships had been ordered to Havana declined to make any comment.

Remarks by Granville C. Fiske of Massachusetts, however, said that the President had expressed neither satisfaction nor regret on the receipt of the news.

Anti-negro rioting, it was feared, would occur in Havana today, but the heavy rains drove everybody from the streets except the military and police forces.

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CHESTER WOMEN KILLED.

Crossing Rutland Railroad When Struck by Official Pay Car.

Chester, June 9.—About 10 o'clock yesterday morning as Mrs. Warren Sevier and her sister, Miss Lilla Hazen, both of Chester, were crossing the Rutland railroad track with a horse and carriage, they were struck by the official pay car, which was carrying a large number of men, killing Mrs. Sevier instantly and injuring Mrs. Sevier so badly that she died two hours later. The horse was killed.

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Mrs. Sevier is employed by F. P. Wells here in a wood-working job shop. They had no children. The car was crossing the track from a side where it is possible to see a train for only a few rods.

COMMERCE COURT SETBACK

U. S. Supreme Court Decides I. C. C. Has Exclusive Jurisdiction over Federal Rate Laws.

Washington, June 7.—Blow after blow was given the new commerce court today by the Supreme Court of the United States which upheld the exclusive jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission over the administrative machinery of the federal rate laws.

The principal decision was announced by Chief Justice White in the so-called Procter & Gamble case. He was sustained by the entire court. Exclusive jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission over the administrative machinery of the federal rate laws. The specific point ruled upon was that parties who failed to

get relief before the interstate commerce commission have no right to go into the commerce court and have that court pass upon the facts to ascertain if they should have been granted relief.

In the course of his opinion Chief Justice White, however, went further. He showed that the commerce court was not given "new and strange" powers but succeeded to the powers of the circuit courts in existence when the commerce court was created and that the commerce court was limited in reviewing the commission's orders to questions of law.

Chief Justice White stated the question for decision to be whether the authority of the commerce court was confined to enforcing and restraining, as the case might be, affirmative orders of the commission or whether it had the power to review its own judgment by original interpretation of the administrative features of the act to regulate commerce, and upon that assumption to treat a refusal of the commission to grant relief as an affirmative order and accordingly pass upon its correctness.

Both from the words of the act creating the commerce court and from the general scheme of rate regulation, Chief Justice said it was to be seen that the commerce court had no such broad powers as it claimed to possess.

MRS. NEWBERRY RECALLS INVITATIONS TO WEDDING. Detroit, Mich., June 7.—Invitations to the wedding of Miss Carl Newberry, daughter of former Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry of this city, and Capt. W. H. Alleyne of the Queens Own regiment stationed at Hamilton, Bermuda, were recalled yesterday. The ceremony was to have been performed June 5 and the invitations had been mailed, which, if carried out, would have made the wedding one of the principal social events of the season.

Captain Alleyne, who had been in Detroit several days ago as the guest of the Newberrys at the country club, left for New York yesterday afternoon. He came here Tuesday having been met by the Newberrys at Buffalo.

The engagement of Miss Newberry and the captain was announced in March last by wireless from the steamer in which Mr. and Mrs. Newberry and their daughter returned from the Bermudas, where they spent the Lenten season. The couple met in Hamilton, Bermuda, where the Newberrys were staying.

Although no formal explanation was made by the Newberrys, friends of the family stated the engagement was broken at Miss Newberry's request.

GREATEST PARADE SINCE CLOSE OF CIVIL WAR.

Washington, June 8.—The magnificent memorial to Christopher Columbus, having as its central feature a statue of the great discoverer, moulded by the hand of the sympathetic sculptor to show him as he stood on the deck of the Santa Maria on October 12, 1492, the fateful day when America was seen for the first time by the eyes of the world, was unveiled here today with elaborate ceremonies and amid the enthusiastic demonstrations of an immense concourse of people. In connection with the unveiling there was a civic and military procession that proved to be one of the largest seen in this city of big parades since the grand review of the union army after the close of the Civil War.

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TWO DOZEN MORE NOTES FOR TAFT

All Roosevelt Contests Presented to National Committee Decided Same Way.

PRACTICALLY UNANIMOUS, TOO

One Roll Call Test Shows 15 Members against the President—Meeting Surprisingly Peaceful.

Chicago, June 7.—Twenty-four delegates from Alabama and Arkansas were added today to the Taft column by the action of the republican national committee on the so-called Roosevelt contests from those States. All the contests presented before the committee to-day were decided in Taft's favor and in all but two the decision of the committee was unanimous, although one roll call test apparently had shown 15 anti-Taft votes.

The cases decided to-day were those of the six delegates-at-large and the two each in the first, second, fifth, sixth and ninth congressional districts in Alabama and the four delegates-at-large and the two each in the first and second districts of Arkansas. There remain to be heard of the Arkansas contests those in the third, fourth, fifth and seventh districts.

The contest over the six delegates-at-large from Arizona was postponed until later in the day on motion of Committee member Penrose of Pennsylvania.

In view of the bitter feeling between the Taft and Roosevelt adherents, the meeting was surprisingly peaceful, although it opened with a contest which seemed to forecast a degree of friction, which, however, failed to materialize.

BORAH WARM UNDER COLLAR.

This contest arose over a renewal by Senator Borah of Idaho of his motion of yesterday which would permit only eight members of the committee to demand a roll call instead of 20 as provided by the existing rules.

Dennis T. Flynn of Oklahoma, holding at the time the proxy of Committeeman Planigan of Nevada, moved to lay the Borah motion on the table. Mr. Borah wanted to debate the motion, but Chairman Roosevelt declared it undebatable as a proposition of parliamentary law.

"I don't intend to be choked off by a gag this early in the campaign," said Senator Borah with some show of heat. "I will either have my say here, or I will occupy such a position that this convention will make no progress."

"This committee will conduct its proceedings under the usual parliamentary rules," said Mr. Roosevelt with marked dignity.

"But you shall not adopt any rule or gag by laying motions on the table this early in the campaign," retorted the Idaho senator.

The committee proceeded to table the Borah motion by a viva voce vote and then Mr. Borah was permitted to continue, which he did as follows:

RECOGNIZES STEAM ROLLER.

"Mr. Chairman, we will not make any progress here. Now I know that you have a steam roller. I don't even desire to cushion the steam roller. I am perfectly willing that the steam roller shall operate, but I want to say here and now that it will be known to the country that it does operate, how it operates, and who is operating it."

"Men who have not the moral courage to record their vote before the people of this country are not worthy to represent the great republican organization of these United States. (Applause.)"

"Men who have not the manhood to stand up here and state for whom they are going to vote, how they